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Letter dated 14 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text in English and French of a statement on the assassination of Chris Hani in South Africa issued by the European Community and its member States on 11 April 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 38 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement on the assassination of Chris Hani in South Africa issued by the European Community on 11 April 1993

The European Community and its member States strongly condemn the assassination of Chris Hani yesterday. They extend their deep-felt condolences to Mr. Hani's wife and family.

It is indeed tragic that Chris Hani, who has been appealing for an end to violence and a return to peace, should himself die from the bullets of an assassin. A full and thorough investigation of the murder is called for. The European Community and its member States stand ready to help in any way it can, for example, through its observers already in South Africa or its experts on the Goldstone Commission.

While fully understanding the grief of many South Africans over the loss of Chris Hani, the European Community and its member States appeal for calm and restraint in this difficult situation. Those elements wanting to prevent a speedy and peaceful transition to a democratic, non-racial and united South Africa must not be allowed to succeed. The European Community and its member States therefore renew their call to all parties engaged in the multi-party negotiations to redouble their efforts to reach a negotiated settlement, to do their utmost to bring the violence to an end and to renounce violence in all its forms.